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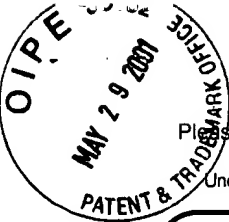
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 24, 2001, Applicants hereby elect the composition claims, which are Group I, claims 1-55 and 97-99.

As a single disclosed species, Applicants elect sodium docusate. The molecular formula of the docusate ion is shown in the specification at the top of page 9. The claims of Group I that read on sodium docusate are claims 1-6, 14-18-, 47-55, and 97-99.

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